

1. (Twice amended) An apparatus comprising:

a structural panel having an outside edge and a plurality of holdown attachment points on the outside edge of the structural panel;

a plurality of [load points] deflection elements in the structural panel to control the ductility of the structural panel;

a plurality of foundation bolts for embedding in a foundation or slab or stem wall and

a foundation bolt placement template for defining a mounting location for the structural panel, and locating and supporting the foundation bolts during fabrication of the foundation or slab or stem wall; and

means for attaching the structural panel holdown attachment points to the foundation bolts for transferring the lateral forces applied to the structural panel to the foundation or slab or stem wall.

2. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the means for attaching the structural panel to the foundation bolts further comprises:

a plurality of holdowns for transferring the shear forces developed in the structural frame to the foundation bolts, each holdown attached to at least one holdown attachment point, each holdown securing the structural panel to a foundation bolt.

3. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the structural panel further comprises:

a generally rectangular structural frame having two coplanar vertical side members connected by two or more coplanar horizontal members forming a generally rectangular opening

therebetween, each vertical side member having an inside surface and an outside surface;

a plurality of holdown attachment points on each vertical side member;

one or more lateral force resisting members connected to the structural frame to resist lateral forces applied to the structural frame; and

a plurality of [load points] deflection elements in the one or more lateral force resisting members to control the ductility of the structural panel.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the one or more lateral force resisting members comprise:

one or more horizontal spacing members coplanar to and connecting the vertical side members subdividing the generally rectangular opening forming two or more subopenings; and

one or more generally rectangular panels connecting each vertical side member at a vertical joint, the panel covering the two or more subopenings.

5. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the one or more lateral force resisting members is metal.

6. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the one or more lateral force resisting members comprise:

a plurality of generally rectangular coplanar panels attached to and connecting adjacent vertical members at a vertical joint, each panel covering a horizontally adjacent, generally rectangular opening.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the plurality of panels are attached to the vertical members using a plurality of fasteners securing each panel to each vertical member.

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9.(Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of [load points] deflection elements are arranged in a pattern.

10.(Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the pattern of [load points] deflection elements includes one or more linear patterns.

11.(Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the pattern of [load points] deflection elements includes two or more parallel linear patterns.